

and replacement of ObamaCare so they really can keep their doctor and their hospital. Americans need a simplified Tax Code, one that is fair to everyone. And Americans need the government to remove unnecessary red tape that is preventing economic growth.

We have a plan that can turn their concern into an America that works, an America they need.

#### RECOGNIZING M.A.R. POR CUBA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a pro-democracy civil society organization called M.A.R. Por Cuba, Mothers and Women Against Repression—M.A.R.

For 20 years, this Miami-based group of women has been advocating for freedom in Cuba, and it continues to be a voice for those being repressed under the brutal Castro regime.

The mission of M.A.R. Por Cuba is to help and advance causes like justice, liberty, and fundamental freedoms for the people of Cuba. This civic organization has been vital in educating the public about the reality of the atrocities committed on the island and has given a voice to those who put their lives on the line for a free Cuba.

I thank the organization's president, Sylvia Iriondo, for her endless commitment and dedication to the causes of liberty and free elections in Cuba. I commend the important work of the women of M.A.R. Por Cuba, who remind us that we must not ignore the brutal repression that takes place only 90 miles from our shores.

#### RESIGNATIONS AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignations as a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 20, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington DC.

MR. SPEAKER: I am writing to resign my membership on the House Committees on the Budget and Foreign Affairs as a result of my appointment to the Financial Services Committee.

I am honored to be chosen to serve on the Committee on Financial Services. I regret, however, that my membership on this Committee precludes me from serving on the Budget and Foreign Affairs Committees at this time. I have enjoyed serving on these committees and look forward to maintaining an active role on the issues under their jurisdiction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

LUKE MESSER,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

#### ELECTING A MEMBER TO A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 589

*Resolved*, That following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Messer.

Ms. FOXX. (During the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the conference report to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the conference report.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of May 15, 2014, at page H4065.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the conference report to accompany H.R. 3080.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today we are on the floor passing the Water Resources Reform and Development Act's conference report. I am very proud it is a bipartisan bill. We have worked this out through the Senate, and I think what we have here is a jobs bill, a good

jobs bill that is going to create not just construction jobs, but it is going to keep America competitive by investing in and upgrading our water infrastructure to keep us competitive in the world so that our companies and industries can go out into the world economies, gain market share, and then hire people on the factory floor in America. That is what this bill is all about.

I am proud that it is the most reform-driven water bill in the last 20 years—significant reforms. The name reflects that landmark legislation, Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

We should be proud that this is the most fiscally responsible WRRDA in history. We have deauthorized as much as we authorized in this bill, and there are no earmarks in this bill, Mr. Speaker.

Finally, it does not cede any of Congress' constitutional authority to the executive branch, which is one of the top priorities that I had in this bill, to make sure that Congress keeps its role front and center as we make sure that we are making those investments and upgrading the locks, the dams, the ports, the harbors, and the flood protection all across this country.

I would like to thank the original cosponsors of the bill, Ranking Member RAHALL for his efforts, Water Subcommittee Chairman GIBBS from Ohio, and the Water Subcommittee ranking member, Mr. BISHOP of New York. Thank you all for your hard work.

I would also like to thank my Senate counterparts, the chair of the conference for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator BOXER, and Ranking Member DAVID VITTER.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report. This legislation is a reminder, and unfortunately a stark reminder, that when given a chance to work together in a bipartisan fashion, we can produce results for the American people.

I salute the chairman of our T&I Committee, Mr. SHUSTER from Pennsylvania, for his tireless efforts in this regard, and as well our subcommittee chairman, Mr. GIBBS, and our ranking member on the full committee, Mr. TIM BISHOP.

One of the first acts of our Federal Government was to improve navigation. On August 7, 1789, the first Congress federalized the lighthouses built by the Colonies and appropriated funds for their operation and maintenance.

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Today, in the 113th Congress, we keep faith with that fundamental premise of government by advancing legislation that authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve navigation on our inland waterways and our ports. This is an effort which has languished